Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur).*—If the position is that all these subject-matters are covered by cut motions there will be no occasion to put supplementary questions.

Mr. President.—I am only suggesting to the House whether in view of the fact that this has been put down specifically for discussion in the course of this day, there is any necessity to spend the rest of the time in asking supplementary questions on this. I have no objection if the Hon'ble Members are intent on asking supplementary questions on this subject till 12 o'clock.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—May I know whether the Government will be pleased to take this House into their confidence in passing orders upon the recommendations of the committee?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government).*—In what way?

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—I shall suggest one method. Will the Government be pleased to place this report for the consideration of this House?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government).*—That is one of the cut motions tabled so far as the demand under General Administration is concerned. Government will be guided by the opinion of this House as expressed by the result of the cut motion.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—Can I have information on that querry at this stage?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government).*—No.

72. Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi).*—Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Retrenchment Committee have reported?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government).*—Yes.

Retrenchment—Budget—Circular regarding.

73. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi).*—Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Government has issued any circular to the Heads of Departments regarding retrenchment in the preparation of next year's budget; if so, will a copy of the circular be placed on the table?

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Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government).*—Yes, copies of Circular No. D.-Dis-13080/12, dated 9th March 1937 and Government Proceedings No. F.-2-17253/12, dated 21st June 1937 are placed on the table.

Purchase of Stores—Central Agency for.

74. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether with reference to Question No. 355 of the Legislative Session of 1112 they are aware that there is a Central Agency for the purchase of stores for the Government of India as also for Mysore;

(b) whether they are aware that the system of having a Central Agency has not been producing better results than before?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government).*—(a) There is one for the Government of India. Regarding Mysore there is no information.

(b) No.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—May I know what approximately is the amount spent by the Cochin Government for the purpose of stores for their use?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government).*—Rs. 3,36,000 and odd.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—May I know the method adopted by the Government for effecting this purchase?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government).*—So far as the Stationery articles are concerned there is the Stationery Department, i. e., the Stamp Office which supplies all articles of stationery to the various departments and so far as the other requirements of the departments are concerned they themselves are making independent purchase.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—What is the agency that now supplies stores to the various departments?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government).*—The Departmental Heads themselves purchase the articles they

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